

Flashes of Fun.

—A man's character is like a fence. It cannot be strengthened by being whitewashed.

—Why is X the most unfortunate of letters? Because it is always in a fix and never out of perplexity.

—It is said that when Jay Gould was a boy he used to lead the horses down to the drinking-trough. This indicates that Jay Gould began to water stock very early in life.

—Father-in-law — "Perhaps, sir, you think I'm going to support you for the rest of your natural life." Son-in-law — "Well, I don't know why you shouldn't. I took your daughter off your hands."

—"I hope, Johnny," said the Sunday-school teacher to her new scholar, "that your parents are good Christians." "Well, ma is," replied Johnny, "an' pa used to be, but I guess he is a little out of practice now."

—"Fire 97," said a busy hotel clerk to the new porter. Presently the porter returned looking very much mused up. "I fired him, sorr," he said; "but, begorra, for jist one blissed moment I thought he had me."

—Little Willie prayed long and ineffectually for a little brother. At last he gave it up as "no use." Soon after his mother had the pleasure of showing him twin babies. He looked at them a moment and then exclaimed: "How lucky it was that I stopped praying! There might have been three!"

—Little Paul, five years old, had been poking at the range and burned a hole in his sleeve. His mother says: "You will surely catch afire, and there will be nothing left of you but a little pile of ashes. What will I say then? At once Paul replied: 'You will say, 'Kate, shovel up those ashes.'"

—A few days ago a number of Italians went into the Roundout, N. Y., post office and asked for letters. One was handed an epistle on which was due 10 cents postage. Yesterday morning the same man handed one of the clerks 10 cents and said: "Tennacents. Wanta another lettee."

—A witty nobleman once asked a clerical gentleman at the foot of the table why the goose, when there was one, was always placed next to the parson? "Really, my Lord, said the clergyman, "your question is somewhat difficult to answer, and so remarkably odd that I shall never see a goose again without being reminded of your lordship."

—Not long ago a young man about town called on a certain young woman of his acquaintance. He was promptly ushered into the drawing-room by a pretty servant-maid, who ran to the room of her mistress to announce her visitor. "Oh, ma'am," said she, "that most illigant of gentlemen, who danced with me one night last summer up at the grave-diggers' social, is down in the parlor a-callin' on you, ma'am!" The gentleman never called again.

—"What a delightful existence it is, Farmer Robinson," said his city guest, "out here in the country. How crisp and beautiful the air, and the fragrance of new mown hay pervades all. I should think you would feel like chanting psalms of praise to the Creator the year round." It is sort o' nice, Miss, I grant. But I never feel quite so much like thanking heaven as I do when I've scrimmaged about an' got money enough together to pay the taxes."

—"Charles, is it true that all brokers are dissipated, and do they bet and live on stimulants?" asked a stock-broker's wife of her husband.

"Well, not all of them, I guess; but the life of a broker is rather quick," was the reply.

"And do they die suddenly at about the age of forty?" she continued.

"The paper stated so the other day," replied the broker, who, thinking that his wife might swoon at the idea of his being suddenly snatched from her, assured her that he was perfectly healthy, and likely to live many years.

"Well, I suppose it is a peculiarity of the business; but, Charlie, you are thirty-seven, and don't you think you had better increase your insurance policy to twenty-five thousand, dear?"

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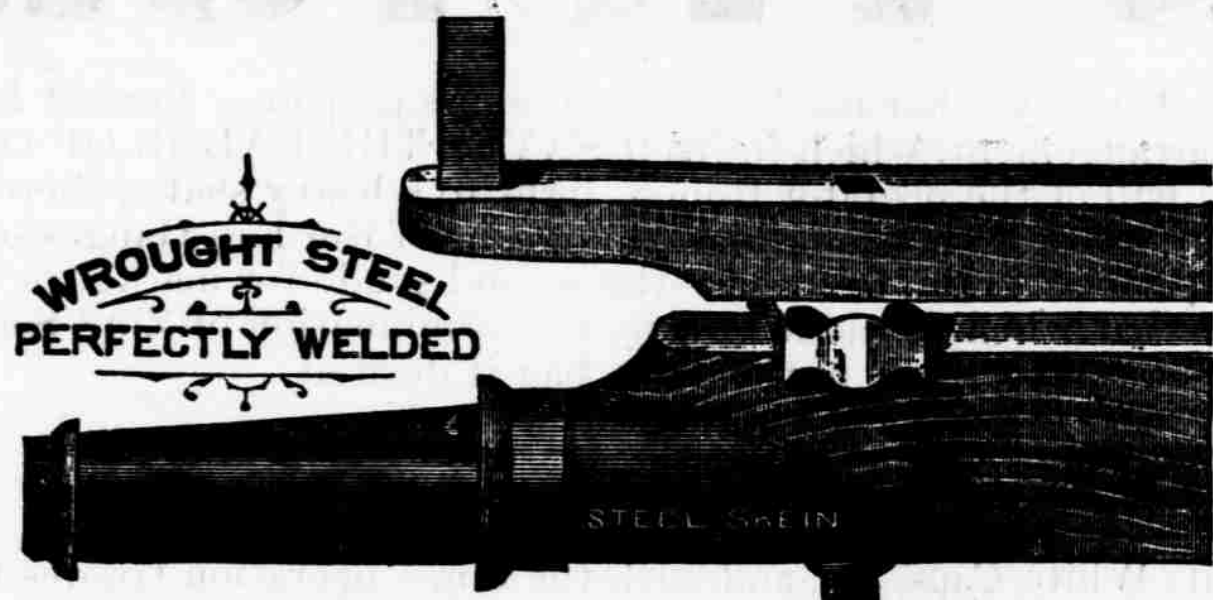
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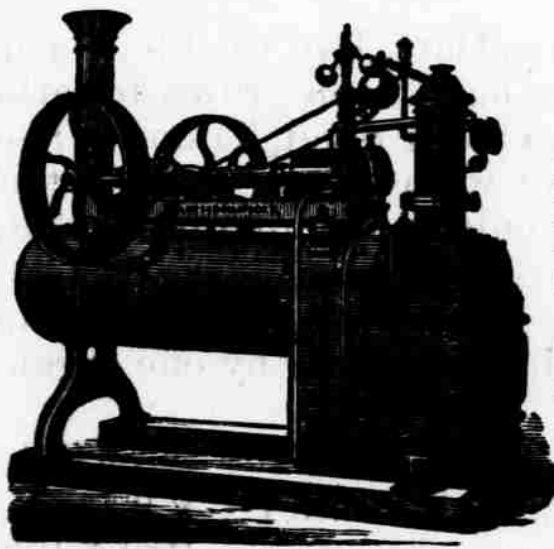
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